season there has been some improvement in milk supply to Mother Dairy by the cooperative Federations, the overall availability of milk fat is not, as yet, adequate for switching over to toned milk.

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Pamba-Achencovil-Vaigai Link Project

1328. SHRI PALA K.M. MATHEW: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the feasibility study regarding Pamba-Achencivil-Vaigai Link Project has since been complete;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken in this regard so far?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (c). The National Water Development Agency has completed pre-feasibility report of Pamba-Achankovil-Vaiai Link Project. The project envisages construction of one dam each on Pamba and achankovil in Kerala. The two dams will be interlinked by a 12 Km. long tunnel. A lift varying from 15 metre to 60 metre is involved for pumping the water from Achankovil to the link canal. Thereafter a 233 Km. long canal for taking 664 million cubic metre of water to Vaippar and Vaigai basins is proposed to be constructed. The pre-feasibility report prepared by the Agency has been sent to the Governments of Kerala and Tamil Nadu for their comments. The report was also discussed in the 15th meeting of the Technical Advisory committee of the Agency held on 14.6.1991 and the Government of Tamil Nadu was requested to take up the inter-State aspects with the Government of Kerala for arriving at a consensus for implementation of this project.

Utilisation of Waste Gas in Bombay High

1329. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA:

SHRI SURYA NARAYAIN YADAV:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal for utilisation of waste gas which is burning in Bombay High;

(b) Whethher any proposal from the Government of Kerala has been received in this regard; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c). A letter has been received from the Government of Kerala for laying a pipeline from Bombay Offshore to Kerala. The question of setting up a Southern Gas Grid is being examined by an Inter-Ministerial Group.

Rise in Price of Stainless Steel

1330. DR. SHRIMATI K.S. SOUNDARAM: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the price of Stainless Steel produced by the Salem Steel Rolling Mill has alarmingly gone up;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the norms adopted for fixing the price;

(d) whether the Union Government propose to reduce the stainless steel price; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c). The price of Stainless Steel produced by Salem Steel Plant was revised upward with effect from 26.7.1991 taking into consideration several